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Giacomo Stefano ROBA et al.

Serial No.: 09/986,622

Filed: November 9, 2001

For: METHOD AND INDUCTION FURNACE  
FOR DRAWING LARGE DIAMETER  
PREFORMS TO OPTICAL FIBRES

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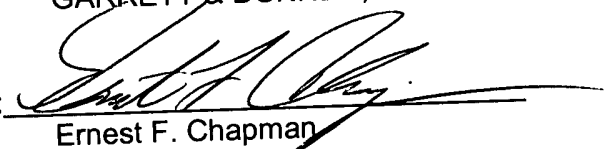
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Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$130.00 to cover the surcharge of  
\$130.00. Authorization is hereby given to charge any additional fees to our deposit  
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Please associate this Declaration with the application as filed on November 9,  
2001, and assigned serial number 09/986,622.

Respectfully submitted,  
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New U.S. Patent Application  
Title: METHOD AND INDUCTION FURNACE FOR DRAWING LARGE  
DIAMETER PREFORMS TO OPTICAL FIBRES

being a Continuation of PCT International  
Application No. PCT/EP00/04134, filed May 9, 2000

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Dear Sirs:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) as a **Continuation** application of PCT International Application No. PCT/EP00/04134 filed May 9, 2000, which claimed priority of European Patent Application No. 99109154.7, filed May 10, 1999, and the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/134,066, filed May 13, 1999.

1. Application 41 pages, including 2 independent claims and 24 claims total (as amended).
2. Preliminary Amendment with Abstract of the Disclosure.
3. Drawings 7 sheets of formal informal drawings containing 11 figures.
4. Certified copy of European Application No. 99109154.7 filed May 10, 1999.
5. Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO 1449 with documents attached.
6. Copy of cover page of WIPO Publication No. WO00/68157.
7. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

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Basic Application Filing Fee					\$740	\$740.00
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Applicants claim the right to priority based on European Patent Application No. 99109154.7, filed May 10, 1999, and the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/134,066, filed May 13, 1999.

This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f). Applicants await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the Declaration.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Sincerely,  
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